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1. EMBOFFS MET FEB 18 WITH ROGER DELETANG, TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO MINISTER (WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZING SUBJECT TRIP), ABDOURAHMANE DIA AND JEAN-PHILLIPPE DELATRE OF DAKAR INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE, AND CITIBANK DAKAR REPRESENTATIVE PETER BENEVILLE. DELETANG INDICATED THAT TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR SECOND HALF OF MAY BUT (AS INDICATED REFTEL B) WILL BE PRECEDED BY PREPARATORY MISSION IN SECOND HALF OF APRIL BY ABDOURAHMANE DIA, ADMINISTRATOR OF DAKAR INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE (ZONE FRANCHE INDUSTRIELLE DE DAKAR-ZFID). DIA'S MISSION WILL BE DUXTED EXCLUSIVELY TO CONTACTING PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS FOR ZFID SO THAT MINISTER CAN MEET SERIOUS PROS-PECTS ONLY DURING HIS VISIT.

2. SENEGALESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL BE PRIMARY REFERENCE POINT FOR DIA'S MISSION. EMBASSY IS PREPARING LIST OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN GEN-ERATED BY NOV. 28 BUSINESS WEEK SUPPLEMENT ON SENEGAL. CITIBANK NEW YORK (ALAN GOLDIE IS PRINCIPAL CONTACT) IS ALSO PREPARING CONTACT LISTS-DIA ASKEDHF COMMERCE OR OTHER
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AGENCIES (OPIC) WOULD BE ABLE TO SUGGEST NAMES UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFFS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS COULD BE DONE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT OPTIMUM PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR OPIC OR COMMERCE TO PROVIDE NAMES TO SENEGALESE EMBASSY WHICH WOULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEADE CONFIRM THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO DEPT.

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3. DAKAR INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE IS SIMILAR TO MANY OTHER FREE
TRADE ZONES AROUND WORL IN THAT IT OFFERS VIRTUALLY TAX-
FREE ENVIRONMENT TO ANY MANQFACTURER WILLING TO INVEST MIN-
IMUN $430,000 (CFA 200MILLION) IN PLANT WHICH WILLM
REATE
AT LEAST 150 LOCAL JOBS. OUTPUT CAN BE SOLD LOCALLY OC
EXPORTED INTO EC OR CEAL (WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC CUMMUNITY)
AT PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATES. DOCUMENTATGHN AVAILABLE IN
ENGLISH ON ZFID INCLUDEZ SUMMARY FO STATUTES AND ATTRACT-
IVE BROCHURE ON SENEGAL AND SENEGALESE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT.
THESE HAVE BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON IN PAST AND EMBASSY WILL
POUCH ADDITIONAL SUPPLY IF AGENCIES FEEL THIS WOULD BE
USEFUL.
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